

# LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony on HCR190 / HR147

Requesting the establishment of a task force to examine state regulation of the harvesting of Hawaiian sandalwood.

Dear Representatives Chang, Har, Cabanilla, Carroll, Coffman, Herkes, Ito, Kawakami, Nakashima, Riviere, and Theilen,

As a professional forester, and speaking as an individual, I support the resolution as a way to move forward with protecting our rare native species while using our unique natural resources to improve our economy. I would like to suggest that the University of Hawaii and the Bishop Museum be added as members of the task force. Staff botanists at the University and the Museum are the most knowledgeable people in the state about the distribution and classification of threatened and rare sandalwood species. To recruit a "commercial forester" for the committee, I would suggest contacting the Hawaii chapter of the Society of American Foresters. The Society is the national organization of professional foresters and our Hawaii chapter has over 30 members. As vice-chair of our chapter, I would be glad to help recruit someone to serve on the task force. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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My name is Randall S. Senock, PhD. and am thankful to the Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HCR 190 Relating to REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE STATE REGULATION OF THE HARVESTING OF HAWAIIAN SANDALWOOD.

I am currently an associate professor for the California State University at Chico in the Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences and director of the degree options in Applied Ecology and Atmospheric Science. Formally I was a research fellow with the University of Hawaii at Manoa in forestry and then an assistant professor of tropical forestry at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, College of Agriculture. My research on forests around the world has been directed towards understanding the ecology and sustainability of forest ecosystems.

The proposed legislation should be supported as a measure to aid in promoting sustainable land management in Hawaii. The convening of a task force to examine state regulation of the harvesting of sandalwood and provide recommendations to the Hawaii State legislature within a two year time frame is a reasonable approach to developing successful public policy. Such public policy, when dealing with environmental, social and economic ecosystems, requires time to fully understand the relationships amongst the three core principals of sustainability. The multitude and the complexity of the connections can best be described when the knowledge and experience of a range of stakeholders contributes to the necessary discussion.

Towards that end I would like to suggest that the task force include faculty scientists from the College of Agriculture at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Thus the scientific basis of sandalwood ecology can best support the social and economic aspects of the public policy designed and implemented.

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